



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUCCESS NEWSLETTER

FALL 2018
SEPTEMBER 26TH-30TH

INTERNATIONAL BUCCANEER BUDDIES

It's still not too late to join IBB! **Two ways to sign up for IBB:**

1. Send an email to IFP-IBB@etsu.edu and let us you know you want to join. We will send you an application
2. Go to our website: etsu.edu/issuccess (download an application, fill it out and send it back to us via email, or drop it off in person at our office)

IBB EVENTS THIS WEEK:

IBB MID-WEEK MEETUP & DINNER MEETUP

Join IBB at our mid-week and dinner meetups! Come and eat lunch with other international and domestic students at the **Marketplace at 12:15 p.m. every Wednesday**, or eat dinner at **7:30pm every Thursday**. This is a fun, informal way to meet new people and see your friends in IBB. (You don't have to be part of IBB to come.)

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Wednesday 9/26

IBB Mid-Week Meetup
12:15 p.m.
Marketplace

Dinner for \$1 6:00 p.m.
Worship Service 7:00 p.m.
Campus House

Street Jam
Lucille Clement Lawn
7:30pm

Thursday 9/27

English Table
5:00-6:00 p.m.
Sherrod Library Room 128

IBB Dinner Meetup
7:30 pm
Market Place

Revisiting Racism
Ball Hall
6:00-8:00pm

Friday 9/28

World Café
8:00 p.m. – Midnight
Campus House

Saturday, September 29th

Saudi National Day
CPA Court 4
5:00-8:00pm

Sunday, 9/30

IBB SUNDAY FUNDAY
Multicultural Center
8:00-10:00pm

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Come and join us for game night at the Multicultural Center! Drop by anytime between **8:00 and 10:00pm** to meet and hang out with IBB students. We will be playing board games and card games.

Where: Multicultural Center

When: 8:00-10:00pm

CAMPUS & COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES:

STREET JAM

Poets, singer, rappers, musicians and storytellers—come and share your talents with everyone at the Open Mic! If you don't want to showcase your talent, come and support others who will be performing.

Where: Lucille Clement Lawn (outside the Multicultural Center) Rain location: CPA Court 4

When: **Wednesday, September 26th at 7:30 pm**

REVISITING RACISM: TWO YEARS AFTER *THE GORILLA INCIDENT*

This program, hosted by Psychology for Equity, Awareness, and Community Enhancement (PEACE), intends to facilitate meaningful discussion around race in American as well as the impact of racism on our own campus. The event is free and open to all.

- Where: Ball Hall
- When: **Thursday, September 27th from 6:00-8:30pm**

SAUDI NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION

Come learn about the history and culture of Saudi Arabia for their National Day Celebration! There will be free Saudi food, games and prizes. You can even try on traditional Saudi clothing!

- When: **Saturday, September 29th 5:00-8:00pm**
- Where: CPA Court #4

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ETSU Multicultural
Center

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NEED TO SEE BRITTANY?

ISS OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Thursday: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

OR

EMAIL/CALL FOR AN
APPOINTMENT

ENGLISH TABLE

Want to improve your English speaking and listening skills? Want to learn more about American culture? Head over to English Table, a weekly learning group. Contact English Table leader Hannah Absher (absherh@etsu.edu) for more information.

Thursday, September 26th

5:00-6:00 p.m.

Sherrod Library, room 128 (1st floor)

CAMPUS HOUSE

Officially known as the Christian Student Fellowship, Campus House provides weekly activities and opportunities for international students to make connections with other ETSU students.

Weekly Activities:

Tuesday - Free Lunch from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Wednesday - Dinner for a dollar at 6 pm and a **worship service** at 7 pm

The worship service is for those interested in a Christian worship/study outlet.

Friday - World Cafe from 8pm to Midnight (snacks, games, conversation)

CAMPUS RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

ETSU SAFE VOYAGE

Safe Voyage is an on-call evening service for campus rides. Call them and they will pick you up at a campus bus stop and take you directly to your desired location on the route, and then pick you back up. Safe Voyage will also take you to Kroger.

Hours: 8:00pm – 12:00am for BUCSHOT Blue and Gold routes

10:45pm – 12:00am for BUCSHOT Teal routes

- BUCSHOT routes here:

http://www.johnsoncitytransit.org/bucshot/routes/Bucshot_2018_2019_Rideguide.pdf

Request a ride: 423-914-5940

International Student Spotlight

Meet Tao Liu!



Tao Liu arrived at ETSU in August. His name means “wave,” which makes one think of the vastness and diversity of the sea. His parents wanted him to be like the sea in that he would be tolerant and accepting to all. Tao’s hometown is Weifang, China. Weifang is known as the kite capital of the world, as it is considered the birthplace of kites. The Weifang International Kite Festival happens every year and attracts visitors from all over the world. Tao’s father is a businessman and owns a biology/technology corporation. His mother is a housewife and also works at the family business.

Tao enjoys playing computer games and reading. His favorite genre is science fiction. Tao also enjoys watching Marvel films, and his favorite superhero is Spider-Man. He is a fan of basketball, but he did not play on his school’s team because it would have required him to wake up too early every morning. A fan of Kobe Bryant since he was a child, Tao hopes to watch a LA Lakers game while he is in the US.

Tao attends Shandong Normal University in Shandong, China. A finance major, Tao chose to come to the US to study because he believes that the US is the best place to study for

his field. He also wants to work in a foreign company one day, so he would like to improve his English. He chose to attend ETSU after seeing a presentation from an ETSU professor who was invited to speak at his university. Tao thought the campus looked beautiful and the program sounded good, so he began his journey to become a Buc.

Life here at ETSU is quite different than his life at home. For one thing, he has more free time! In China, he would leave the house at 6am and not return until 10pm, but now he is free after 2pm every day. He has enjoyed many things about life here so far, including the steak at Texas Roadhouse and hanging out with new friends. An active new member of IBB, Tao has come to many events. He loved the Roan Mountain trip, and his buddy has been immensely helpful. Not only has IBB helped Tao to adapt to life here, but it has become his family.

Tao hopes to graduate and then earn a higher degree. He would like to work in the US for a few years before returning home to work for a large foreign company. He has enjoyed his time here, and he plans to continue to make friends, learn about American culture, and study hard.

Welcome, Tao! We are so happy you are here.